

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Chairman;
Michael Kubayanda, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ann C. Fisher; and
Ashley E. Poling

Minor Correction to Product Description
in Mail Classification Schedule

Docket No. MC2020-8

ORDER APPROVING MINOR CHANGES
TO A PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

(November 8, 2019)

I. INTRODUCTION

On October 9, 2019, the Postal Service filed a notice of changes to a product description pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90.¹ For the reasons given below, the Commission approves the proposed changes.

II. BACKGROUND

The Postal Service seeks to make changes to the Priority Mail Express International (PMEI) product descriptions in the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS). Notice at 1. The stated purpose of the proposed modifications “is to establish changes

¹ Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Minor Changes to a Product Description, October 9, 2019 (Notice).

to PMEI relating to the list of destination countries offered at a discount at retail, as provided in section 2305.6 of the MCS.” *Id.* Specifically, the Postal Service proposes to remove nine countries from the list of countries and weight steps for which PMEI is offered at a discount at retail. *Id.* Attachment.

Citing Order No. 3772,² the Postal Service asserts that the Commission directed the Postal Service to file a notice of a minor classification change pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 when it revises the list of destinations or related weight steps eligible for the PMEI discount. Notice at 1. The Postal Service asserts that the Notice satisfies the requirements set forth in 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 because the proposed revisions will improve the accuracy of the MCS by informing postal retail customers of the destinations and weight steps eligible for the PMEI discount.³ The Postal Service states that it has filed the Notice no later than 15 days before the intended effective date of the proposed changes and that the changes “revise the MCS without otherwise changing product offerings or the prices or price groups applicable to such products and countries.” *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service claims that the changes are not material because they “do not significantly change the user experience for any product and there is no evidence that the proposed modifications will significantly impact competitors.” *Id.* (footnote omitted). The Postal Service requests an effective date for the changes of January 26, 2020. *Id.*

On October 10, 2019, the Commission issued an order pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 establishing the present docket, appointing a Public Representative, and providing interested persons with an opportunity to comment.⁴

² Docket No. MC2017-80, Order Approving Minor Corrections to Product Description in Mail Classification Schedule, February 6, 2017 (Order No. 3772).

³ *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service states that the proposed changes are consistent with the Commission’s expectations that notice of minor classification changes that revise the list of destinations or related weight steps eligible for PMEI discounts be filed within 10 days of the availability of the discount for a country. *Id.* at 1-2.

⁴ Notice and Order Concerning Minor Changes to Product Description, October 10, 2019 (Order No. 5271).

III. COMMENTS

The Public Representative submitted comments on November 6, 2019.⁵ The Commission received no other comments. The Public Representative states that she “has reviewed the Notice, proposed classification changes, and applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.” PR Comments at 1. Based upon her review, she concludes that “the proposed MCS changes are minor classification changes that comply with 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90.” *Id.* at 2.

IV. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

The Commission finds that the Postal Service’s proposed changes comply with 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90 and are not inconsistent with the provisions of title 39. The changes proposed in the Postal Service’s Notice are changes in destination countries and weight steps that qualify as “minor corrections” under 39 C.F.R. § 3020.90. See Order No. 3772 at 5. The changes will improve the accuracy of the product descriptions in the MCS and should allow mailers to more precisely locate pertinent information. The changes will not otherwise change product offerings, prices, or price groups. Nor is there any evidence that the proposed changes will significantly change the user experience or significantly impact competitors.

⁵ Public Representative Comments, November 6, 2019 (PR Comments).

V. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS

It is ordered:

1. The changes proposed in the Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Minor Changes to a Product Description, filed in Docket No. MC2020-8 on October 9, 2019, are approved.
2. Revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule appear below the signature of this Order and are effective as of January 26, 2020.

By the Commission.

Darcie S. Tokioka
Acting Secretary

CHANGES TO THE MAIL CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

The following material represents a change to the Mail Classification Schedule. The Commission uses two main conventions when making changes to the Mail Classification Schedule. New text is underlined. Deleted text is struck through.

Part B—Competitive Products

2305 Outbound International Expedited Services

2305.6 Prices

Countries and Weight Steps for which
Priority Mail Express International Offered at a Discount
at Retail is Available

Country	Weight Steps (lbs.)
Australia	8-66

China	1-10
France	2-66
Germany	1-4
India	19-44
Israel	1-5
Mexico	50-70

Philippines	19-44

Spain	1-10
